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Mr. Donald G. McCrosky
Director, Central Region
Entergy Fossil Operations
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The Woodlands, TX 77380

RE:

Letter of Response

Entergy Gulf States LA, LLC - Nelson Electric Generating Plant

Westlake, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. McCrosky:

By letter dated March 20, 2013, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC (EGSL) requested a one (1) year extension of the compliance deadlines set forth in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Mercury and Air Toxics Standards ("MATS"), 77 Fed. Reg. 9304 (Feb. 16, 2012), for its Nelson Electric Generating Plant, Unit 6 Boiler.

The MATS rule, promulgated pursuant to the Clean Air Act §112(d), which became effective on April 16, 2012, sets forth limits for mercury, particulate matter, and acid gases. According to the federal Clean Air Act, the compliance date for regulations promulgated pursuant to §112(d) is no later than three (3) years after the effective date of the standards; in this case, April 16, 2015.

Based on information provided by EGSL, a capital project is required to install the controls – e.g., activated carbon injection system and a calcium halide injection system along with improvements to the electrostatic precipitator (ESP) - needed for Nelson Unit 6 to meet the MATS limits. The compliance schedule provided by EGSL, which includes the anticipated schedule for executing the design, permitting, and equipment procurement of the controls, indicates final compliance on Unit 6 to be April 16, 2016.

Based on the information provided, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality grants a one year extension, to April 16, 2016, of the compliance deadlines set forth in the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for the Unit 6 Boiler at Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC's Roy S. Nelson Generating Plant. If you should have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ms. Shannon Pusateri at (225) 219-3487.

Sincerely

Sam L. Phillips

Assistant Secretary

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March 28, 2013